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I. In General

A. Definitions and Distinctions

3. Magistrate

§ 14. Recorder

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Recorder is a name given to a magistrate, in the judicial systems of some jurisdictions, who has criminal jurisdiction analogous to that of a police judge or other committing magistrate, usually a limited civil jurisdiction, and sometimes authority conferred by statute in special classes of proceedings.

A recorder is, in some jurisdictions, the name given to a municipal judge with the criminal jurisdiction of a magistrate or a police judge.¹ A recorder also sometimes, in some jurisdictions, has limited civil jurisdiction.² Accordingly, a recorder is a judicial officer in some municipalities, whose jurisdiction is chiefly confined to the trial of criminal prosecutions³ and whose office is analogous to that of a police judge.⁴ A recorder is also any person authorized to hold municipal court.⁵ A recorder of a city may⁶ or may not⁷ be included within the term "judge," depending on the context in which the term "judge" is used.

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Footnotes

- 1 Black's Law Dictionary (9th ed.).
As to the definition of a police magistrate, see § 13.
- 2 Black's Law Dictionary (9th ed.).
- 3 Cal.—*Ex parte Baxter*, 3 Cal. App. 716, 86 P. 998 (2d Dist. 1906).
- 4 Or.—*Wong Sing v. City of Independence*, 47 Or. 231, 83 P. 387 (1905).
- 5 Ala.—*Leigeber v. State*, 17 Ala. App. 551, 86 So. 126 (1920).
- 6 N.J.—*Rogers v. Taggart*, 118 N.J.L. 542, 194 A. 164 (N.J. Sup. Ct. 1937), judgment *aff'd*, 120 N.J.L. 243, 199 A. 47 (N.J. Ct. Err. & App. 1938).
- 7 N.Y.—*People ex rel. Sharkey v. Goodwin*, 50 Barb. 562, 1868 WL 5933 (N.Y. Gen. Term 1868).
As to the definitions of the term judge, see §§ 7 to 10.

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